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## THE BRAIN PROBLEM—IN RELATION TO WEIGHT AND FORM.\*

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A word in explanation of the title of this address is in order. To some it may seem almost too venerable and even mid-victorian. But there is a reason for it. Although some psychologists are trying to get along without the recognition of consciousness, yet I feel confident that the psychiatrists still cherish the brain as the organ of the mind.

Some 50 years ago a cry went up from the brain anatomists for "more and better brains." With few exceptions their work had been carried on with so-called "hospital material," and it was thought that if brains from those of somewhat higher mental grade could be studied, some of the bothersome questions might be illuminated. This led to the formation of anthropometric societies or similar groups among the intellectuals, whose members kindly consented to bequeath their brains for study. I dare say a number of us here have given such consent. The appeal is attractive, for it implies an interest in science and it further represents that rare form of bequest, namely, one which has not yet been taxed.

Under these circumstances the tough-minded individual is inclined to ask what can be expected from the examination of the brains thus made available. This address is intended as a reply to such a question, but is in the form of a sketch rather than that of a fully documented paper.

Interest in this brain problem has, as you know, a fairly long and highly varied history.

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